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1. DR. MILTON MUTCHNIK, ASSOC PROF OF MEDICINE (INTERNAL)
AT ANNE ARBOR AND FLIGHT SURGEON IN OHIO NG VISITED SFM
FROM 1130 TO 1600 HOURS JULY 29 FOR PURPOSES WRITING ARTICLE
FOR AIR FORCE MEDICAL DIGEST. DOCTOR ALSO OFFERED HIS SERVICES
FOR CONSULTATIONS.

2. MUTCHNIK WAS RECEIVED BY PATTISON, SENIOR OFFICER
PRESENT, AND TAPED CONVERSTAION WHICH DEALT EXCLUSIVELY WITH
ENVIRONMENTAL, MEDICAL, AND RELATED ASPECTS OF SFM SITUATION.
MITCHNIK GIVEN TOUR OF KITCHEN FACILITIES BY PROJECT MANAGER
PEARCY AND CONTINUED CONVERSATION ON MEDICALLY RELATED
SUBJECTS DURING LUNCH WITH PEARCH AND PATTISON.
FOLLOWING LUNCH, HE SPENT SOME TWO HOURS WITH SFM
PARAMEDIC, LOOKED OVER WATER SYSTEM, AND EXAMIMED AND
TALKED WITH TWO SFM PERSONNEL. PRINCIPAL MATTERS DIS-
CUSSED WERE SANITATION, PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, PERSONAL
HYGIENE AND RANGE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN
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SINAI ENVIRONMENT. CONCLUDED VISIT WITH DISCUSSION

WITH PEARCY AND MEDIC.

3. MUTCHNIK DISCUSSED WITH PATTISON, PEARCY AND MEDIC
QUESTION ABSENCE PHYSICIAN ON SFM STAFF. THRUST OF
COMMENTS WAS THAT PARAMEDIC EXCELLENT FOR EMERGENCY
TREATMENT IN ACCIDENT CASES BUT DEFICIENT IN DIAGNOSIS
OF DISEASE SYMPTOMS, WHICH WAS REAL NEED AT SFM. HE
FELT AT MINIMUM SFM SHOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED PHYSICIANS
ASSISTANT. MUTCHNIK ALSO PURSUED AT LENGTH WITH PATTISON
SOURCE OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LOCALLY AND WHY EXCLUSIVE
RELIANCE ON ISRAELI RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION
AND OUTPATIENT CARE--PRACTICE WITH WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY
CONCURRED ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.
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